



Press Release

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SCSO Makes Arrest in ID Theft, Debit Card Fraud Case

On **06/02/15**, Sheriff's detectives received a report of fraudulent use of a **debit card**. The victim advised detectives that her Visa debit card had been compromised and over **\$1,600** had been stolen from the account. Sheriff's detectives investigated the card's transactions from **05/01/15 - 06/01/15** using transaction statements provided by the bank to the victim.

During that time frame, it was learned that a new card for the account had been sent to an address on the **1700 block of Childers Ave** in Frayser on 05/03/2015, and was activated on 05/15/2015. Between those time periods, the suspect amassed **\$1,616.82** in charges and debits at various locations in the Frayser area. Detectives obtained video footage of the suspect from the **First Tennessee ATM** on Watkins, and also from **Superlo Foods** on Watkins.

All footage shows the same female suspect executing transactions on the account.

Detectives then researched the residence on Childers Avenue and found the renter of the residence to be **Demetrius Ward, AKA Demetrius Hurd**. Detectives then compared photos of Ward with the video footage obtained from First Tennessee and Superlo Foods, and found them to be the same person. Detectives also subpoenaed records from JP Morgan Chase to obtain the phone number that was used to call and request the card be sent to the Childers address. The number from Chase's records was the same number for Demetrius Ward.

Ward was arrested and charged with **Identity Theft and Credit / Debit Card Fraud (\$1,000-\$10,000)**.

